

Consumers and producers will increase their knowledge and awareness of these growing systems constructed through the grant program. 6 small grants will be awarded to producers to increase specialty crop education, production, and consumption.

The usage of these season extension structures is for specialty crops. Please note that the USDA & WDA define specialty crops as “fruits and vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, and nursery (including floriculture). Eligible plants must be cultivated or managed and used by people for food, medicinal purposes, and/or aesthetic gratification to be considered specialty crops.

Processed products shall consist of greater than 50% of the specialty crop weight, exclusive of added water.”

Please see our website for a detailed listing of eligible crops that could be included in your project.



The WDA aims to enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops in Wyoming through these season extension grant opportunities.

Reach out to us to see how your potential project may advance the mission of the WDA to advance specialty crops here in Wyoming via this program's goals.



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Season Extension Grant Program



WYOMING SPECIALTY CROP PROGRAM



**Applications due
by May 30th, 2023**

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Be a registered producer in the State of Wyoming.
2. Show forth in the application that you have an eligible season extension project to be undertaken here in Wyoming.
3. Willingness to share your project results via publications and/or field days, farm visits, etc. to spread knowledge of season extension to other potential and current specialty crop producers and the general public to advance the mission of the WDA.

Small grants up to \$5,000 will be awarded. These grants will ultimately be chosen from among outstanding applications. Please keep in mind to apply early as funding is limited.



About This Program

The Wyoming Department of Agriculture will award small grants to extend the growing season of specialty crop producers. This will help improve specialty crop production problems associated with Wyoming's short growing seasons. The results will be shared with others through producer publications, meetings and/or farm days.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Complete and return the application in Word Format and via E-mail. Stay connected with the point of contact in this brochure with any questions, concerns or for any guidance needed to satisfactorily complete the application.
2. Once submitted, the application will have an initial review and may be returned if any critical information is missing.
3. Projects from qualified applicants will then be assessed and ranked by panel reviewers.
4. Applicants are contacted as soon as possible after review to inform them of their awarding or if not chosen for awarding, as to why.

APPLICATIONS WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE:

[HTTPS://WYAGRIC.STATE.WY.US](https://wyagric.state.wy.us)

Go to *Forms & Applications* and look for specialty crop links under the Natural Resources and Policy section.

LIMITATIONS & EXPECTATIONS

1. A MAXIMUM AWARD OF \$5000 IS POSSIBLE
2. A 25% CASH MATCH IS REQUIRED.
3. EXG: A \$4000 PROJECT COULD BE AWARDED \$3000 IN GRANT FUNDING FROM THE WDA. THE APPLICANT MUST PROVIDE THE OTHER 25%.
4. ALL ELIGIBLE EXPENSES MUST BE PAID FOR UP FRONT BY THE APPLICANT AND ARE THEN REIMBURSED AT 75% BY WDA.
5. ONLY SUPPLIES NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT ARE ALLOWED AS ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES
6. INELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES INCLUDE COSTS DIRECTLY RELATED TO ROUTINE OPERATION OF THE BUSINESS, INCLUDING SALARIES.
7. ALL EXPENSES MUST RECEIVE PRIOR APPROVAL FOR REIMBURSEMENT. THOSE COSTS INCURRED WITHOUT APPROVAL MAY BE DENIED REIMBURSEMENT.
8. PROJECTS IN WHICH SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS HAVE ALREADY BEEN PURCHASED ARE INELIGIBLE FOR APPLICATION CONSIDERATION.
9. THE WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT APPLICATIONS WHICH ARE NOT COMPLETE OR OTHERWISE ARE DEEMED INELIGIBLE.

